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A FEW FACTS!

The County Taxes Not Such a Bugaboo as Stated.

Certified Statement Showing Cause of Increased Taxes.

The East Jordan Enterprise of Oct. 20th publishes an article headed: "County Tax Raised \$4,000; How long will the tax-payers keep still and see the taxes grow and keep in office the men who are boosting them?"

It is very evident that the publisher, Mr. Lorraine, does not present this matter in a fair way to the voters of Charlevoix county.

In the first place the County Officers do not audit any bills presented to the County, neither do they authorize the expenditures of any moneys at any time.

The Board of Supervisors have full power in these matters, auditing all bills and appropriating all sums, except what the Superintendents of the Poor are empowered to act upon pertaining to their own department.

A statement was prepared and certified to under the seal of the Court, the same being a true copy of the records of proceedings of the Board of Supervisors, and Mr. Lorraine given an opportunity to correct some of the erroneous statements made in the issue mentioned and publish same in his paper believing he would be honest and fair, offering at that time to pay the full legal rate per folio for publishing and he would give satisfactory answer whether he would print the statement or not.

In reply to the question he asks, "Where has the money gone?" the following statement has been prepared from the public records, and anyone doubting their correctness has the privilege to inspect the same in the County Clerk's office at Charlevoix.

This is done for the simple purpose of correctly informing the public as to the disposition of the funds and in explanation of the increase in taxes for the last few years.

WM. J. PIERSON,

Chairman Republican Co. Com.

FRANK A. KENYON,

Sec'y Republican Co. Com.

Analysis of the Extraordinary Expenses

Of the County for the Years 1900 to 1904, Inclusive.

The tax levy in 1900 was \$14,262.96 on a valuation of \$3,365,756.00.

The poor Commission that year expended but \$3,487.19, and the other expenses were ordinary running expenses. And in 1901 the tax levy for the County was \$11,628.58 on a valuation of \$3,595,827.00. But in this year (1901) the poor commission expended \$5261.06, small pox bills amounting to \$545.15 were paid by county by order of supervisors, and the bridge at Charlevoix was supported to the amount of \$480.00. From this it will be seen that these expenses alone in 1901 exceeded those of 1900 by \$3799.00.

Again, the tax levy in 1902 was \$16,154.38 on an assessed valuation of \$4,615,567.00, and small pox bills amounting to \$2904.64 were allowed and paid and the poor commissioners report \$6552.50 for general fund and \$2904.64 for buildings and \$480 is spent on the Charlevoix bridge.

These unusual expenses this year exceeded those of 1900 by \$9355.38, and those of 1901 by \$5556.36, yet the tax spread this year only exceeded that of 1900 by \$1891.42, and that of 1901 by \$4525.80.

Again, in 1903 the board raised a County tax of \$18,156.45 on a valuation of \$5,187,550.00, and these same class of expenses were as follows: Smallpox bills, \$867.16, poor commission, \$4859.88, Charlevoix bridge, \$918.40, an all paid excess this year over 1900 of \$3148.55, and an increased tax of \$3893.49, and again in 1904 the Board raised a tax of \$21,585.88 on a valuation of \$5,396,468.00, and audited small pox bills amounting to \$5639.08. The Poor Commissioners had used \$5662.45 and the Charlevoix bridge, \$995.85, an excess over 1900 of \$8810.39 and over 1901 of \$5011.37, while the tax levy of 1904 only exceeded that of 1900 by \$7322.92, and that of 1901 by \$9957.30.

The figures used above are from the record of the proceedings of the Board of Supervisors, as published from year to year.

Does this look as if the present can-

didates for County office or any other County officers were responsible for the increased raise in County tax?

This does not include improvements on the Ironston ferry, the Charlevoix County Normal School or \$1,000 for State Census or \$800 for Steam Heat in the Court House, but just four items of expense alone.

Statement of County Taxation.

For the Year 1900.

Assessed valuation \$3,365,756.00

Total amount raised for

County taxes 14,262.96

Extraordinary Expenses were:

Smallpox bills \$

Charlevoix bridge 3,487.19

Poor Commission 3,487.19

For the Year 1901.

Assessed Valuation \$3,595,827.00

County taxes raised 11,628.58

Extraordinary Expenses were:

Smallpox bills paid \$ 545.15

Poor orders drawn and paid... 6,261.06

Charlevoix bridge, paid 480.00

For the Year 1902.

Assessed valuation \$4,615,567.00

County tax raised 16,154.38

Extraordinary Expenses were:

Smallpox bills paid \$2,905.43

Poor orders drawn and paid, less proceeds from farm... 6,552.50

Am't expended on Poor Farm in addition to above 2,904.64

Charlevoix bridge 480.00

For the Year 1903.

Assessed valuation \$5,187,550.00

County tax raised 18,156.45

Extraordinary Expenses were:

Smallpox bills paid \$ 867.16

Poor orders drawn and paid... 4,859.88

Charlevoix bridge, Co. paid... 918.70

For the Year 1904.

Assessed valuation \$5,396,468.00

County tax raised 21,585.88

Extraordinary Expenses were:

Smallpox bills paid \$5,639.08

Poor orders drawn and paid... 5,662.45

Charlevoix bridge, Co. paid... 995.85

Paid for taking census 1,000.00

Pd for steam heat in Ct. House 800.00

I hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing figures and amounts with the official proceedings of the Board of Supervisors for the years 1900 to 1904, inclusive, and find the amounts as given above are correct.

DARWIN F. MEECH,

County Clerk.

The Works of Democracy.

"By their works shall we know them." By what single work are the American people to know that the Democratic party can be safely entrusted with power? There is not a single distinctive policy of the party that, put to the test, ever worked without creating damage. The Democratic party has favored slavery, free silver and free trade, but never a single principle has it ever favored that meant greater happiness and prosperity for the American people. The Republican party freed the slaves, and it has stood and still stands for sound money and protection to American industries. It is the party of construction, not the party of destruction.

The Growing Magazines.

All the magazines seem to be growing! We notice, for one thing, that a change is going on in the editorial policy of THE METROPOLITAN MAGAZINE. It has greatly increased in circulation; the older periodicals had best look to their laurels. Those who have watched it recently have noticed an improvement in its general character and tone, and, with the November number, two new departments have been added.

One of these, "The World at Large," dealing with noteworthy men, women and events of the day, will be conducted, in the future, by Alfred Henry Lewis, who is widely known as a writer of great strength and clarity. Mr. Lewis' ability to see things clearly is rivalled only by his knack of stating, in the simplest and most direct fashion, the conclusions he draws from them. This department is fully illustrated.

Another department, to which added attention seems to have been paid, deals with things theatrical and dramatic. In this part of the magazine the personality and opinions of Mr. James Huneker will predominate. There are also a great number of full-page and smaller pictures of players. It seems to be the editor's ambition to give THE METROPOLITAN MAGAZINE a stronger theatrical interest than that attached to any other high-class monthly.

The other features and departments of THE METROPOLITAN go on as before.

NOVEMBER.

A breath of the glory of summer Sweeps over my soul to-day. Though the winds are searching and tireless

And November's skies are gray. Yet beyond all the mists and the shadows,

The fragrance and beauty arise, And I tread—by some magic and music—

In the pathways of Paradise.

—Lillian Whiting in the November METROPOLITAN.

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The above exposition which by the way is America's first colonial exhibit, covers some 47 acres of rolling country and includes a hundred buildings of all sizes and shapes, and nearly 1300 natives representing about 20 different tribes. Among the latter are The Samal Moros.

forty of whom occupy a village on the shores of Arrow Head Lake, come from the Island of Mindanao. They are notorious pirates and famous pearl divers. For two and a half centuries, they made life miserable to the Spaniards and the natives of the islands. Villages were sacked, churches looted,

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